

# A PAGE FOR WOMEN AND THEIR INTERESTS

LOCAL CHAT: HOME AND FASHION HINTS: RELIGIOUS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES: THINGS FEMININE

## Feminine Chat

A WOMAN who is not a member of the board of directors of the Young Woman's Christian Association, but who is greatly interested in the work, reports that one day this week when she went up to the rooms in the Boston Building for luncheon she counted twenty-four business girls stretched out on the couches, or reeling in the Morris chairs. The lunch room was crowded to its utmost capacity and many of these were taking a few minutes respite from the nervous strain of the day while waiting to be served.

Honolulu needs an adequate Y. W. C. A. building and needs it badly. The directors have planned a fund raising campaign to be inaugurated soon after the first of the year.

At the foot of the cliff over against Castle Merriam, away down eighty feet below the surface of the Adriatic, there is a little bit of a crevice that has been cut in the cliff, and down in that cleft there are some of the most priceless pearls that are known. They belong to an archduchess. They had not been worn for a long time and experts declared that the only thing that could bring back their brilliancy was to give them this prolonged bath in the sea. And these experts say that these pearls, which had gone "sick," are coming back to their old brilliancy.

At a recent town meeting at Greenwich, Conn., Mrs. Edward P. Williams was appointed a member of a committee of five to confer with the school committee as to the best means of providing new school accommodations. This is the first time the taxpaying women have been recognized in such manner by the voters of Greenwich.

Mrs. Isadore Cohen is president of the Sisterhood of Social Workers of New York city, which recently opened a new day nursery on the upper east side.

This nursery not only cares for the children of working women during working hours, but also has an employment bureau where places are found for those out of work and where mothers are instructed in the proper care of their children.

Mrs. Anna Woerishoffer of New York has just received the Prussian Silver Cross of Merit in recognition of her distinguished services in the field of social betterment.

Miss Sterritt, principal of the Girls' Industrial Home, is authority for the statement that graphophone records of which the family has grown tired, will be a great boon to the school. The girls get tired, she says, of hearing the same old selections day after day and would welcome something new. This is doubtless true of the members of countless families—they weary of hearing the pieces which have been in the music cabinet for a number of years and seldom put them to use.

A set of records of which you have grown tired would make an admirable new year's gift to the school and would be much appreciated.

Prof. Karl Larsen, Danish novelist, poet, historian and playwright—touring the United States to study the conditions under which the Danes have settled—arrived in Chicago recently, and when approached by an interviewer said some complimentary things about the American woman. The Chicago Daily News quotes him as follows:

"In America the woman is allowed a great independence. The American woman can attend the theater, go to a dinner or some such thing and fearlessly return home unescorted.

Helping Honolulu to a hundred-thousand population means partly to help the Floral Parade next February.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS' HOME FOR INDIGENT OLD, WORTHY CHARITY, IN NEED OF FUNDS

Of the several charitable institutions of the city, the King's Daughters' Home is probably receiving the largest share of public interest at the present time. This is due chiefly to the fact that, having outgrown the present quarters at 1625 Makiki street, a new building adequate to the needs of the city for years to come is contemplated. A building site has been purchased and several thousand dollars are in the treasury for the building fund, but vigilance will not be relaxed until the entire amount has been raised and work on the structure actually begun. Even then there will be innumerable details to be worked out. Two successful entertainments with the home as the beneficiary were given this week, and with private donors rallying to the support, it now looks that the institution will within a few months be housed in a building that will be a credit to the city and a permanent tribute to old age.

The board of directors is composed of Mrs. W. L. Hopper, president; Mrs. H. H. Williams, secretary; Mrs. G. J. Tuttle, treasurer of the circle; and Miss Carrie A. Gilman, treasurer of the home. A number of others, including Miss Florence Yarrow, are vitally interested in the organization and the money-raising campaign now in progress.

The home was started two years ago by charity-inclined individuals for the purpose of caring for the indigent old women and men of the Islands. Aged Hawaiians have been cared for for a number of years, but it was not until the King's Daughters' Home was started that any suitable provision was made for aged white people. Although the present quarters include accommodations for only nine persons, eleven are now being cared for, the two elderly men being housed in separate quarters in the rear.

Miss Evelyn M. Drummond, the matron of the home, is admirably suited to the position, being a woman of rare

tact and executive ability. It is her aim to make the institution a home in every sense of the word and to surround the inmates, not only with every comfort, but a congenial atmosphere free from petty annoyances and domestic infelicities. This is often very difficult, as the aged, though like children in many ways, are not blessed with youth's happy faculty of overlooking petty annoyances and are prone to harbor ill-feeling. Often they are peevish and almost impossible to please, and always it is the past instead of the future in which they live.

Miss Drummond has had admirable training for her work, and this, coupled with her natural gifts, makes her almost indispensable in the home. She received her early training at the School for Deaconesses at St. Faith's, New York City. Later she did five years' work at Columbia University, and of particular local interest is the fact that she was for some time associated with General Armstrong at Hampton, being in charge of English and Biblical literature. She has also done missionary work under Bishop Whitehead of Pittsburgh, and settlement work in New York with Bishop Potter. Under Bishop Green of New York she was in charge of the boys at Hope Farm. She also was associated with Bishop Vincent at the Berkshire Industrial Farm, New Canaan, Mass. Miss Drummond came to Honolulu last January from Sacramento, Cal., where she was Bible secretary of the Y. W. C. A. She accepted a position soon after her arrival, at the Girls' Industrial School, forsaking this field of endeavor for the matronship of the King's Daughters' Home.

In her present position Miss Drummond's versatility is often taxed to the limit. For instance, when the quarters became too cramped and it was necessary to provide lodging of some sort for the two aged men inmates, she called her smattering of manual training into play and out of waste lumber

the main building. Many other pleasing changes have been inaugurated during her regime.

The administration work in the home is a somewhat strenuous task in itself. A record is kept of all letters received, all letters sent, personal callers and telephone messages. It is also Miss Drummond's self-imposed task to make out the menus for each day in the week. These are kept on file for the examination of the women of the board, should complaints reach their ears. There are also maintained a guest book, a scrap book, a diary and a complete list of donations, recording when they were received and to whom distributed. Also there are kept the names, ages and life history of the inmates, together with the names and addresses of relatives or friends in case of death.

Numbered among the inmates are some very interesting characters; men and women who have been exceptionally brilliant in their day, but who by reason of their advanced age are entirely incapacitated for work. Among the women is Marge F. Marconi, for twenty-seven years a teacher in the public schools, and founder of St. Mary's School for Girls. In later years she has composed a number of verses and songs, notable among which are "Lelohua" and "Dahuu Oahu, Thou Isle of the Sea." The music in these instances and several others was composed by Captain Berger. Miss Marconi is even now contemplating a new book of verse, but it is doubtful if this will ever be accomplished.

Miss Anna Prescott is another interesting woman in the home. For many years she was the editor of the Honolulu Times and one of the leading literary lights of the city.

Others are Mrs. Stevenson, who formerly was a nurse in Queen's Hospital, England, and Mrs. Healy, who was engaged in missionary work here many years ago.

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## MEMORANDUM PAD FOR THE TELEPHONE STAND

A useful contrivance for the telephone stand is a memorandum pad. These can be had in any form from the advertising varieties that are sent out at holiday time to elaborate affairs in Russian leather. One of the most practical is an open brass cylinder, through which runs a thick roll of white paper. As soon as the memorandum is useless it can be pulled out of the frame, which has a sharp edge that cuts it neatly off. For numbers in common use there should be a telephone card. Leather ones can be had to match the coloring of the room. The card for each space slips in grooves and can be renewed as often as the number changes.

## FADS AND FANCIES.

Strings are being worn again on hats both large and small. The small, close-fitting bonnets have narrow strands of satin made to cross over under the chin from ear to ear, with little clusters of satin flowers as a fastening at each side. Larger hats have longer strings of velvet, some of the hats of picture dimensions having streamers which sometimes fall to the hem of the dress.

Strings of velvet have a very becoming effect, particularly when in black, gray or art mauve colorings. The fashionable way to fasten the strings is to knot them carefully under the chin.

Mr. Luther Marchant, the soloist with the University of California Mandolin Club whose contributions to the programs were warmly received, has for two years been a pupil of Miss Marie Withrow, the sister of the artist. Mr. Marchant anticipated meeting his teacher when he came to Honolulu, but his arrival was a complete surprise to Miss Withrow. Those who considered Mr. Marchant's solo work the most commendable feature of the College Club program will be interested in knowing that Miss Withrow considers his voice of exceptional quality.

Miss Christian Page, president of the Parents and Teachers' Protective Association of Boston, has been making a study of the nude dances. She says as she sees the nauseating dances she often wonders if women in the exclusive society of Boston, who view them, have not lost all sense of self-respect. She says she has come to the conclusion that women are degenerating.

## FRENCH WOMAN IS FREAKISH

Mme. Lucie Delarue Madrus, in many respects the most remarkable woman in France, has just returned from a trip to Egypt, more convinced than ever that she is the reincarnation of the woman of centuries ago who inspired the sculptor of the Sphinx.

Seated in the desert in the shadow of the giant figure, with its weather-worn features, Mme. Delarue Madrus' striking resemblance to the graven image was so startling that every member of the party was struck by it. But this remarkable woman is never so happy as when she is making a sensation. Beautiful, wealthy and keen in wit, she succeeds in keeping herself before the public in some striking pose all the time.

She is a writer of the most daring and erotic literature, has written plays and poems and novels, though she is not yet thirty-five.

She has an insatiable desire for travel, an unusual thing in a French person, and she has been in the Himalayas, has explored remote regions in Arabia, Persia and the Carpathian Mountains. She made a tour of Greece on foot visited the hrems of Turkey, wandered all over the West African desert, and now she has been in Egypt this past winter.

She believes that when in Rome one should do as the Romans do. Wherever she goes she dresses in the garb of the native women of the place and enters as far as a foreigner can, into the life of the people. She declares that she is getting material for more books and plays—storing up local color for the future.

She always is photographed in her costumes and against picturesque backgrounds, and sees that the illustrated papers are well supplied with poses of herself.

In her travels she has had many adventures and half-breath escapades, but as she always travels with a large retinue of servants and has several friends with her she is never in any very great danger. She travels like a princess, although she has had to endure innumerable hardships on some of her journeys.

Her next journey is to be to this country next year. She is going to visit the Rocky Mountains, Mexico, Arizona and Alaska. She wants to climb Mount McKinley, or at least to attempt it.

## INMATES ON TIP-TOE X-MAS MORN

Imagination loves to linger on the romance and glamour of the cherished days gone by, investing the past with such a rainbow halo that the present seems a drab-gray monotone by comparison. This is especially true in the case of aged persons, and those who had a share in making the inmates of the King's Daughters' Home happy on Christmas Day not only did a kindly act, but, as almost always happens, were made happy themselves.

Contributions from individuals and mercantile establishments began pouring into the home a full week before Christmas, and when the eventful day arrived the old people, who had seen many mysterious bundles arriving several days in advance, were on tip-toe with excitement.

The best part of the Christmas celebration this year was that while many much-needed house furnishing articles were included in the list, there was also a generous supply of little articles for the toilet, personal wearing apparel, etc. These things occasioned a great deal of personal satisfaction and acted as a wonderful stimulus to pride.

The complete list of donations during the month of December follows:

December 1—One mince pie, Mrs. Hitchcock; one tan broadcloth cape, unknown; two ribbed combinations, unknown; one black skirt (sateen), unknown; one black and white skirt, unknown; one black and white waist, unknown; one checked waist, unknown; one lawn waist, unknown; one lawn sacque, unknown; one sewing apron, unknown; one challis dressing sacque (pink), unknown.

December 4—One pair blankets, Whitney & Marsh; one piece of sheeting, Mrs. Robert Lewers.

December 6—Half dozen V. C. soups, quarter dozen invincible asparagus, quarter dozen tomatoes, quarter dozen French peas, half dozen corn, H. Hackfeld.

December 8—Quarter dozen panalo, Mrs. Foster; one electric iron, Mrs. George Sherman.

December 9—Four glasses of jelly, Mrs. Robert Lewers.

December 11—Four dozen table napkins, Mrs. Wall.

December 12—Two dozen magazines, Mrs. Montserrat; two Japanese table covers, Mrs. Marx.

December 13—Check for \$5, James Lovenson; five calendars, Miss Florence Yarrow.

December 15—Merchandise order for \$25, F. B. Ehlers & Co.

December 16—One black head scarf, one white head scarf, 22 1/2 yards of sheeting (pillow tubing), Mrs. Lewers.

December 19—One dollar (in payment of bill Pacific Hardware Company), Mrs. Lewers.

December 20—Twenty-two and one-third yards matting for balls, Mrs. Lewers; two oil paintings, Mrs. Corbally; one cake, Mrs. Stanwald (1707 Nuuanu avenue); one bottleb randy, one banquet, Mrs. Davis.

December 22—Two booklets, one ticket Central Union Festival, Miss Reynolds; five tailored skirts, Mrs. Zeave.

December 23—Four plates, one soup tureen, one gravy boat, one dozen sauce dishes, one dozen dinner plates, half dozen breakfast plates, half dozen butter plates, quarter dozen cups and saucers (coffee), E. O. Hall & Son; half box apples, seven glasses jelly, Mrs. James A. Kennedy; gifts for the inmates, Christmas; two couch pillows.

December 24—Breakfast for Mrs. Healy and Miss Prescott, Mrs. Dole; one dozen bottles of alcohol, Miss Gilman; one dozen bottles of alcohol, Miss Yarrow; one dozen boxes writing paper, Mrs. George Gill.

December 25—Six pairs stockings, one negligee shirt, four colored aprons, four pairs gloves, one dozen pillow slips, two combination suits, two handkerchiefs, six yards flannel, two cans calcium powder, three dozen safety pins, three balls white darning cotton, two balls brown cotton, seven balls black cotton, three spoons white thread, three packages needles, one cube of pins (assorted), two sewing baskets, Mrs. Hopper ten bottles Florida water, eight boxes scented soap, eight boxes talcum powder, Mrs. Wall; six boxes talcum powder, Roselle Wall; eight tooth brushes, nine cakes scented soap, eight cans tooth powder, Alexa Gignoux; seven pin trays, Mrs. Marshall and Miss Gove; one basket of fruit, Mrs. Clinton Owens; one turkey, Mrs. Allen; gifts for all the inmates, Mrs. W. Hopper.

December 26—One five-pound box of candy, Mrs. Robert Lewers.



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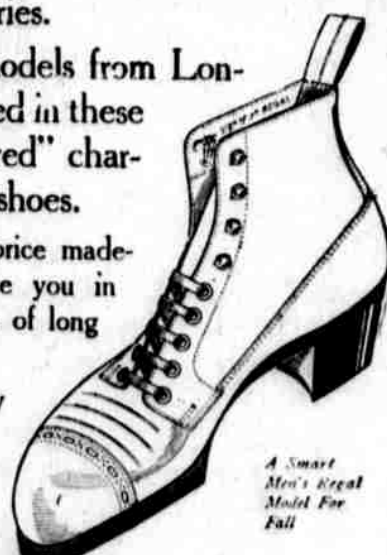
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## CRADLES FOR BABIES MUST GO

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At the Hospital for Babies in Philadelphia, where the scientific cradle substitute has been installed, scientific students of baby life are in their element. They find that the baby is not only sheltered from the rays of the sun by the high sides of the compartment, but is also protected from draughts and dust while the wing gently moves its bed to and fro. In the handling of hundreds of babies, and the constant use of this last word in beds for babies, the physicians in charge of the Hospital for Babies insist that their little charges are not only safer, but that the baby does not suffer the consequences arising from excessive sunlight, draughts, and dust in its windpipe.

There is a popular superstition that sunlight makes for health in babies. Dr. J. Madison Taylor, who for many years was in charge of a children's hospital in Philadelphia, declares with much emphasis that exposure to the glare and heat of the sun is absolutely dangerous to the life of all babies, and he denounces the sun bath in strong terms. He also quotes Colonel Charles E. Woodruff, U. S. A., and Professor Grawitz, of Berlin, both of whom have made exhaustive studies of the subject, and who agree that blond races wherever found acquire degenerating diseases after exhaustion resulting from long continued exposure to the sun.

Dr. Taylor, who is a most careful observer, has found that under long exposure to sunlight the heart action is morbidly increased, murmurs occur, the heart muscles show strain, and the whole circulation is disordered, part of this evil effect, Dr. Taylor insists, is due to the direct action of the hot sun on the head, but it is obvious that more prolonged exposure to the sun's heat is so hurtful as to prove at times disastrous even to those who were previously perfectly well.

One of the most practical of his conclusions is that children allowed to play for hours on the sea beach not only are frequently much upset at the time, become feverish and sleep badly, but their nervous systems suffer so greatly when they return home that months are required to restore their health. Dr. Taylor urges that the protection of infants from sunlight and from the shock following violent rocking of the cradle should be continued through the juvenile life and even throughout adult life.

Children, weakly or ailing people are not benefited by sun exposure. Strong people are readily injured, more or less, by over-taxation in hot weather. The customs of life of tropical people in their precautions against the sun should be copied not only by those charged with the responsibilities of raising babies, but by all who have any regard for their health.

The cradle now approved by those who devote their lives to the scientific study of babies is a miniature couch hammock, with a double canvas bottom, having a concealed round metal frame. The end pieces are of strong cotton duck, and the sides are formed by open mesh cloth of heavy yarn, strongly woven. A concealed round steel frame at the top keeps the ends and sides taut, and so makes overturning impossible. It is suspended by stout cords knotted around the metal frame at the ends, and is hung upon a portable frame or upright carried on wheels.

It is collapsible, and therefore available at home or in travel. It is not only used in the infirmaries of children's hospitals, but it is used in the operating rooms, where the surgeon can lower the sides to the level of the operating table, and, after completing his operation, return the child gently to its cot without in any way disturbing its position or bringing human hands into contact with the wound.

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